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SUBJECT: VISIT TO BERN OF SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS
COMMITTEE STAFFER

1. JACK BLUM, STAFF MEMBER OF SFRC SUBCOMMITTEE ON
MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS, HAS TOLD US THAT HE WILL BE
VISITING BERN DURING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 12 FOR TALKS
WITH SWISS OFFICIALS IN CONNECTION WITH NORTHRUP'S F-5E
TO SWITZERLAND. BLUM SAID THAT HE HAD MADE A REQUEST TO
SWISS SOME TIME AGO FOR A MEETING WITH THE PUBLIC
PROSECUTOR IN BERN, TRECHSEL, WHO HAS CONDUCTED INVESTIGA-
TIONS INTO THE NORTHRUP SALE. THE SWISS EMBASSY IN
WASHINGTON TOLD HIM LAST WEEK THAT A MEETING COULD BE SET
UP WITH THE SWISS OFFICIAL. BLUM SAID THAT WHILE IN BERN,
HE ALSO HOPED TO TALK WITH OTHER SWISS OFFICIALS ABOUT
SWISS BANKING LAWS. HE SAID HE WOULD BE SENDING A FORMAL
MESSAGE TO EMBASSY BERN VIA THE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING HIS
EXACT TRAVEL PLANS AND ARRANGEMENTS IN THE COURSE OF THIS

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WEEK.

2. FYI ONLY: WE HAVE ADVISED BLUM, WHO CONTINUES TO BE INTERESTED IN TALKING TO LOCKHEED REPRESENTATIVE MAEUSER IN ST. MORITZ, THAT HE SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO MEET WITH MAEUSER SO AS NOT TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT HE

IS CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION INTO MAEUSER'S LOCKHEED-RELATED ACTIVITIES. SUCH AN EFFORT WOULD BE CONTRARY TO SWISS LAW, WE TOLD BLUM.

3. BLUM WILL BE COMING TO SWITZERLAND FROM A WEEK OF INVESTIGATIONS IN GERMANY. HE MAY PASS THROUGH ZURICH ENROUTE TO BERN WHERE, IF TIME PERMITS, HE MAY CALL UPON CONSUL GENERAL NELSON FOR A BRIEF DISCUSSION OF SWISS BANKING PRACTICES. KISSINGER

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